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1. The runway at the Soviet airfield in Debrecen has been lengthened since 1954, and approximately 500m. beyond the southwestern end of the runway there is a new one-story building approximately 10m. long and 5m. wide. On the roof there are telephone wires, and at one end of the roof a rod and at the other end a yellow or white lamp. The length of the lamps is about 60cm, the width 15-20cm. On two sides of the building in the direction of the airfield there are two searchlights, each on a post 2m. high. On the southwest side of the building is an aerial about 10m. high (see sketch, appendix B).
2. On the airfield there is flying activity day and night. During the day while flying is in progress, two radio cars with aeriels can be seen near the above-mentioned building at the southwest corner of the concrete runway.
3. About 10 to 12 tents were counted in the southwest corner of the airfield and another 4 to 5 tents in the southeast corner. The size of the tents was about 3 x 4m.
4. About 60 to 65 twin-jet aircraft were noticed on the airfield. One twin-engined green-colored plane was also seen.

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5. The planes flew singly and in formations of two or three. An aircraft towing a target at the end of a 200m. cable was seen; the target was escorted by two aircraft on either side. Also, two aircraft taking off together from the concrete runway was observed. The two planes were positioned about 200m. apart from each other on the concrete runway: the planes took off simultaneously, one behind the other but preserving the same distance between them. After circling, both aircraft landed together.

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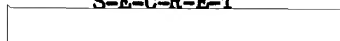
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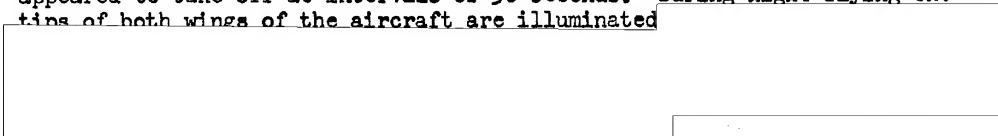


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6. During most of the period of observation, and particularly at night, aircraft appeared to take off at intervals of 30 seconds. During night flying the tips of both wings of the aircraft are illuminated

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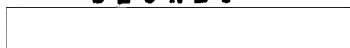
8. Key to sketch of airfield (appendix A) showing new features since 1954 are as follows:

- a) Hungarian civilians are building two 2-story buildings (each 20 x 5m). The area is separated from the barracks by a barbed-wire fence.
- b) Two 2-story buildings each 25 x 10m. The old burned-out building has been renovated, apparently as a workshop. One plane with mechanics stood between the two buildings.
- c) Aerial, resembling the aerals on radar vans.
- d) At the freight unloading station, two large concrete mixing machines with caterpillar tracks.

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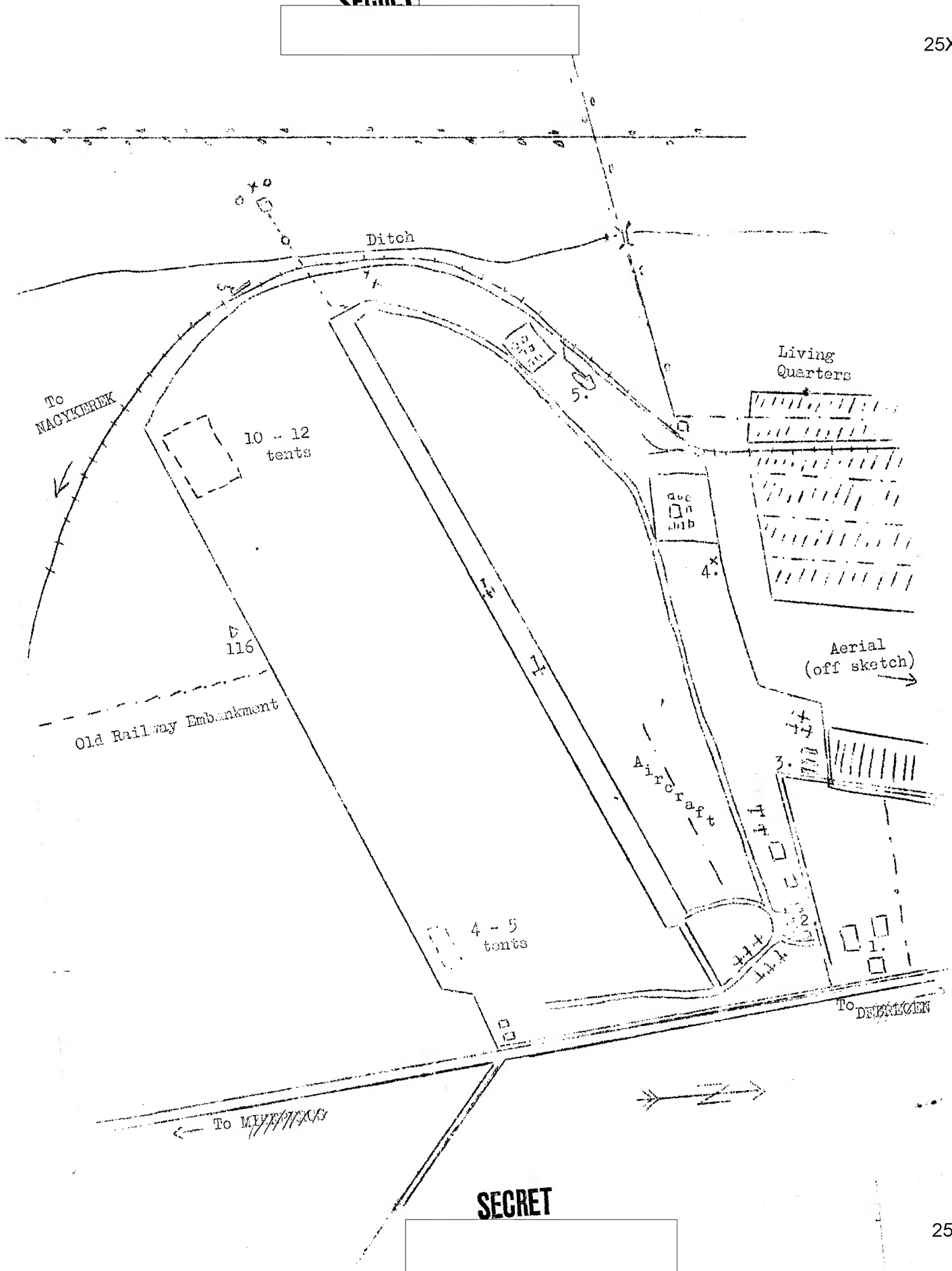
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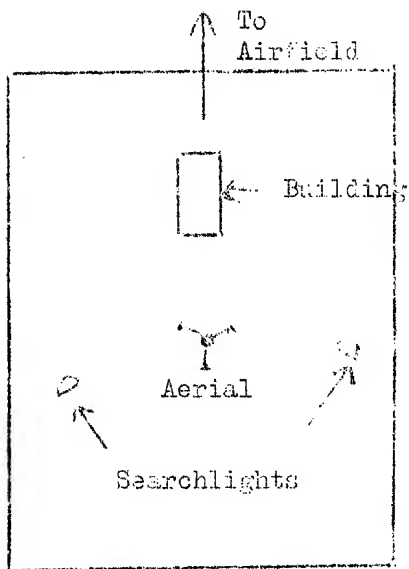
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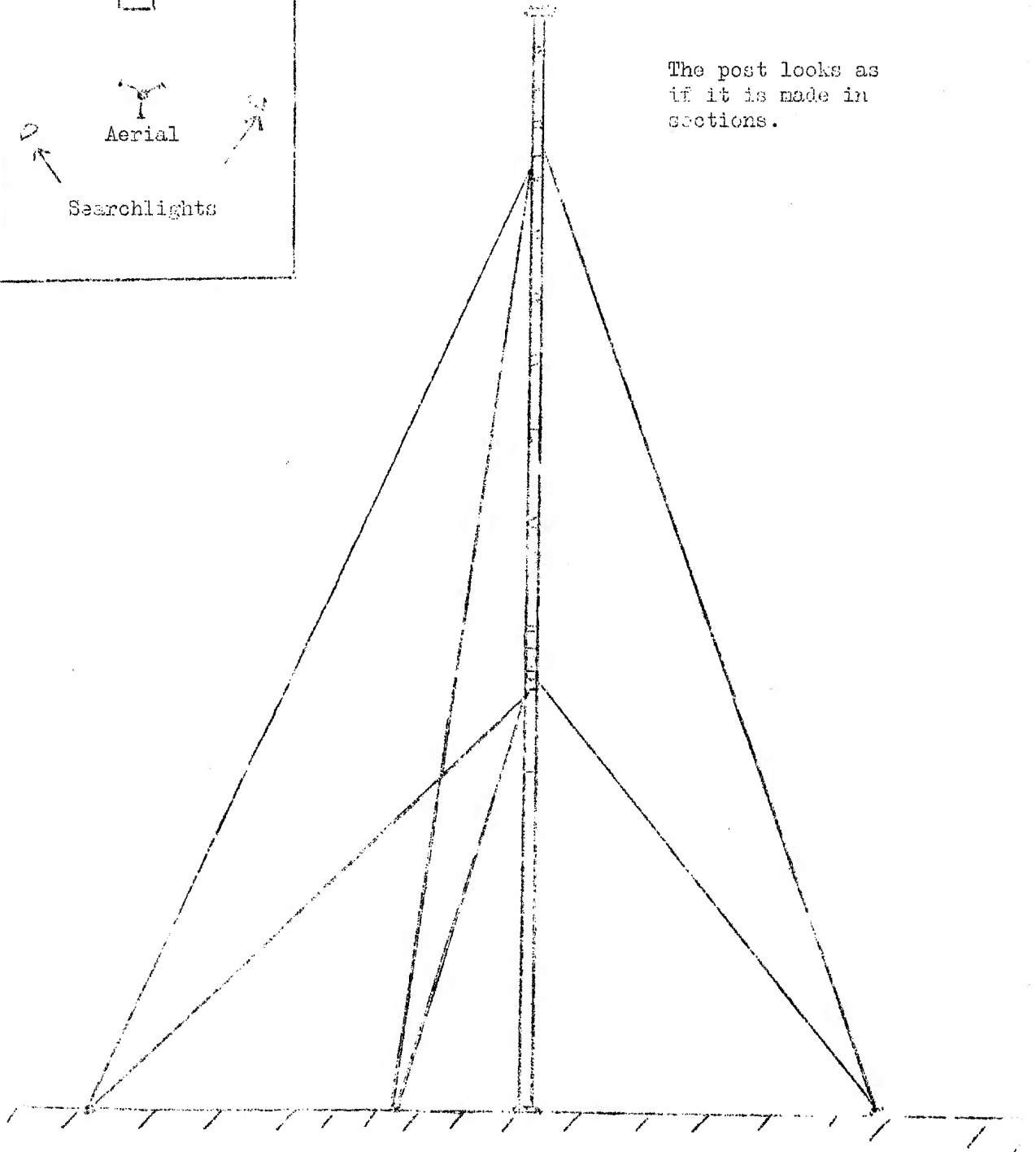
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